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## SPRING IN ALEXANDRIA, A. D., 138.

The reverse of this interesting coin of Hadrian shows Triptolemus, who in Greek mythology is the inventor of Agriculture, and the first priest of Demeter. Latin poets credit him also with the invention of the plough. Triptolemus was adopted in early youth by Demeter, and was instructed by her in all the forms of agriculture. She presented him with a wonderful chariot, drawn by two winged serpents, in which he left Egypt to travel the world over, spreading the knowledge of agriculture. The serpents are shown wearing crowns. These crowns represent Upper and Lower Egypt, while the serpents themselves denote the fruitfulness of the earth. On the coin above, Triptolemus, standing in his chariot, scatters seeds from a seed basket, commemorating no doubt the annual festival or spring planting. This is one of the most interesting of the reverse types of Alexandria.

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l.—left; r.—right; st'd.—seated; stg.—standing; unc.—uncirculated. E. F.—Extremely fine; V. F.—Very fine; F.—fine; V. G.—Very good; G.—Good.

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

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